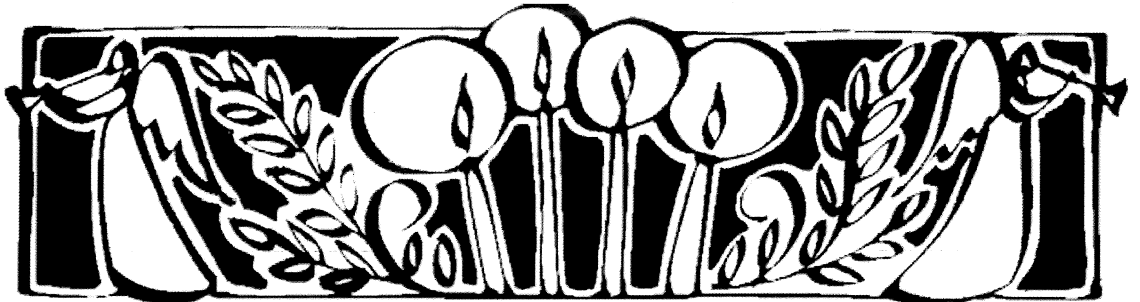


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 10, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Second
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Variations on PUER NOBIS

M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
REJOICE, REJOICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#156 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

D Bm A D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ Gmaj7 A D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Let ev - ery heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the
3 For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge
4 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, and make the
5 To you, O Christ, all prais - es be, whose ad - vent

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ A D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm $\frac{E7}{G\#}$ A D

that the Lord is nigh: a - wake and lis - ten
way for God with - in, and so pre - pare to
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
fall - en sin - ner stand; shine out, and let your
sets your peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

G $\frac{G}{B}$ D Em $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G A D

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
be the home where such a might - y guest may come.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more!

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are the light of our world.
In the beginning. . . darkness,
but you brought comfort and illumination to your creation.
Through your mercy you nurture and care for us,
yet we stray from your ways.
Forgive us for falling too easily for temptations
in these hard times that we face.
Lord, give us the strength to rise up as your disciples
and grant us the wisdom to understand
the power of your healing light in the world.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

ANTHEM

Invocation for Advent

D. Besig

Conducted by Katie Lam

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Page 740, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Peace)

CAROL (remain seated as children come forward)

#178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

B. McGee

(sing with the choir before and after the litany)

Unison

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el, his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with us, re-vealed in us, his name is called Em-man-u - el." The score ends with a double bar line.

Chord symbols: C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, G, G/B, C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, F/G, G13, C, F/C, C.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee (1944-)

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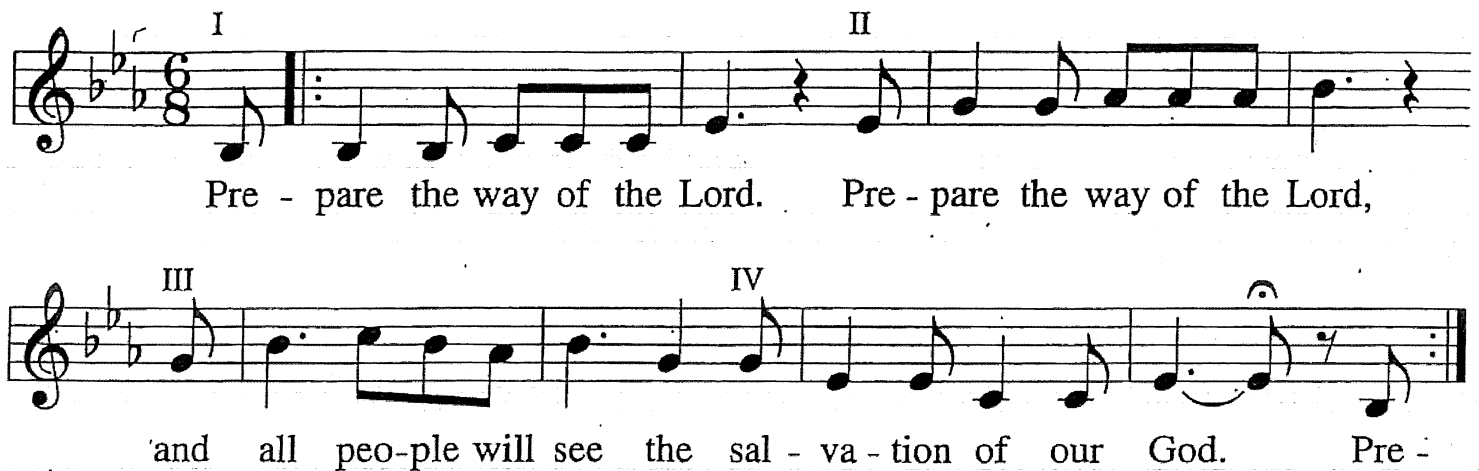
LITANY

Let your Spirit burn in our hearts;
let your Light shine in our world;
as we wait through the Advent season
let your ribbon of peace draw us together
into a circle of love where the Christ can be born today.
Amen

*CAROL OF PRAISE

#174 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Taizé Community



I II

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord,

III IV

and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

WORDS: Isaiah 40:3; 52:10

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) and the Taizé Community, 1984

Music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé (Admin. GIA Publications)

SECOND READING

Mark 1:1-8

Page 35, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887); arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958)

HYFRYDOL

8.7.8.7.D.

F C F $\frac{\text{Gm}}{\text{F}} \frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ F C Dm C $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}} \frac{\text{C7}}{\text{G}}$ F $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}} \frac{\text{Gm}}{\text{Bb}}$ Dm C F

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

F C F $\frac{\text{Gm}}{\text{F}} \frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ F C Dm C $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}} \frac{\text{C7}}{\text{G}}$ F $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}} \frac{\text{Gm}}{\text{Bb}}$ Dm C F

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Am Dm Gm7 C7 Dm7 $\frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ F $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{E}}$ Dm $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}}$ G⁴ Gm Bb maj7 Csus C

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

$\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}}$ F6 $\frac{\text{Gm}}{\text{F}}$ $\frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ F $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{E}}$ Bm7(b5) $\frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ Bb $\frac{\text{C7}}{\text{E}}$ F $\frac{\text{F7}}{\text{A}}$ Bb $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{A}}$ Bb $\frac{\text{F}}{\text{C}}$ C7 F

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Earth Is Hopeful

arr. D. Cherwein

***Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,

come peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,

the babe, the son of Mary!

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**
#158 Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson (1933-)
 Words © 1973 Jubilate Hymns (Admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

MERLE'S TUNE
 7.6.7.6.D.

Unison

N.C. G $\frac{G}{B}$ C D Em Cmaj7 Am7 D

1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2 Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has come,
 3 On all by death im - pris - oned the sun be - gins to rise,

D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C Dsus D C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D G

who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior who will lead us to our e - ter - nal home.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,

N.C. $\frac{C}{D}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{D}$ $\frac{Gmaj7}{D}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ Dsus D

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;

D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C Dsus D C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D G

God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

VENI EMMANUEL

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

arr. J. Behnke

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Debbie Benson; Scripture Readers - Carter Bergen, Emilie Roussis; Communion Preparation - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council